

## **HOLD AND RECALL MEMORANDUM – KY-FD-HR-03-01**

**TO:** Food Service Directors

**FROM:** Pat Cassetty, Director  
Division of Food Distribution

**DATE:** December 19, 2002

**SUBJECT: Precautionary Hold on Commodity Product**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has placed a hold on all commodity A608-Ground Beef 40 (4/10#) produced by GFI Premium, Minneapolis, MN, since September 15, 2002. You are being notified of this hold because you received ground beef from this company.

The purpose of this hold is strictly precautionary, as FNS is concerned that no product from this plant is served in schools until an investigation is concluded by USDA. **To date, however, there is no evidence that the ground beef from this supplier is in any way contaminated or unfit for consumption.** To reiterate **this hold is strictly a precautionary measure** for product destined for schools.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) suspended operations at this plant and withdrew its mark of inspection for evidence of rodent infestation and contamination in its on-site cold storage facility. Commodity products never were stored in this on-site facility. All commodity products were stored off-site in a facility that has no record of rodent infestation or other contamination. There has been no recall announced by FSIS because all sampled products in commerce has been shown, to date, to be free of evidence of rodent infestation.

You would have received this product in September or October. To determine if you have this ground beef still in inventory, you must check the Vendor Code Number listed on the following page. If you **do** have any product left in inventory, please provide Vicki Rodgers via e-mail (vicki.rodgers@kyagr.com) with the total number of cases remaining in inventory at your system. Deliveries for January and February will be delayed. You will be notified when this product is taken off of hold and given approximate ship dates.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Vicki Rodgers at 502-573-0298 ext. 262.